Free medicines to poor patients

61. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to supply free medicines for the poor in select districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much money will be involved and how it is proposed to generate the money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) to (c) Medicines are supplied free of charge to all persons under some of the National Programmes including the Reproductive and Child Health Programme in select districts and the National Disease Control Programmes like Leprosy, T.B. etc. in all districts across the country. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) launched in April, 2005 has as one of its specific objectives strengthening the supply and logistic management of the drugs at the State/District level to all citizens.

National Immunization Programme

62. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vaccinations/inoculations provided under the National Immunization Programme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to include more vaccinations under this Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether vaccinations such as Hepatitis-B and Typhin are not included in this and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the Immunization Programme Government of India is providing vaccination to prevent six vaccine preventable diseases i.e. Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio and Measles. The vaccination schedule is as under:

BCG (Bacillus Calmetter-Guerin)—Birth

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus Toxoid)—6,10,14 weeks and at 18-24 months of age

OPV (Polio)—6,10,14 weeks & 18-24 months of age and birth dose for institutional delivery

Measles—9-12 months of age

DT (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid)—5 years of age

TT (Tetanus Toxoid)—10 years and 16 years of age

TT—for pregnant woman two doses or one dose if previously vaccinated within 3 years.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir,

i. Hepatitis-B vaccination started in 15 cities and 33 districts in the year 2002-06, on pilot basis. After successful implementation of the pilot project the programme will be expanded to 11 better performing States.

ii. JE-Vaccination compaign in 11 high risk districts in five States has been planned in 2006 followed by integration of the JE vaccine in the Routine Immunization within the same districts.

(d) Does not arise.

Health service for poor

63. SHRI PYARE LAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Bank survey has revealed that beneficiaries of government health services are more the rich than the poor;

(b) whether the poor are being considered while formulation of planning of public health programmes by Government;

(c) if so, the details of the report thereto, and measures proposed to be taken by Government for treatment of the poor people in the country;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the said report cautions against the flows in propagation of health services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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